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8) Chapter 9
9 Debtor)
10) Hon. Steven W. Rhodes
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15 Detroit, Michigan,
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17 Friday, July 11, 2014,
18 Before Melinda S. Moore, CSR-2258.
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1 Detroit, Michigan
2 Friday, July 11, 2014
3 3:29 p.m.
4 MARK D. JACOBS,
5 was thereupon called as a witness herein, and
6 after having first been duly sworn to testify to
7 the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the
8 truth, was examined and testified as follows:
9 EXAMINATION
10 BY MR. ADDIS:
11 Q. Sir, can you state your name and professional
12 address for the record, please.
13 A. Mark Jacobs, 400 Renaissance Center, Detroit,
14 Michigan 48243.
15 Q. And are you affiliated with the firm Dykema
16 Gossett at that location?
17 A. Yes, I am.
18 Q. And are you a partner at Dykema Gossett?
19 A. Yes.
20 Q. You have counsel here with you; is that correct?
21 A. That's correct.
22 Q. And the identity of counsel is?
23 A. Jerome Watson --
24 Q. Okay.
25 A. -- and my partner, Robert Franzinger.



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1 Q. Is Mr. Franzinger general counsel for Dykema?
2 A. No, he is not.
3 Q. Okay. You're an attorney, sir, but I don't know
4 your past. I know that you were involved in
5 these transactions. Have you given a deposition
6 before?
7 A. No.
8 Q. God, you're a lucky one. Well, I'll give you the
9 basic rules, but I'm pretty sure you know them.
10 This young lady to the right is going to take
11 down everything you say. Since we're both
12 lawyers, we have the propensity to know where the
13 other guy is going. I'll do my best not to talk
14 over you if you could do the same for me. It
15 would make her life a lot easier. All the
16 answers have to be verbal. Uh-huh and huh-uhs
17 don't do very well. And certainly, sir, if I ask
18 you any question you don't understand -- and that
19 is bound to happen sooner or later -- just let me
20 know and I'll be happy to rephrase it. Fair
21 enough?
22 A. Fair enough. Just try to make the questions as
23 clear as possible.
24 Q. I'll do my best. Can you give us a little bit of
25 your educational background, college, law school,



1 things likes that?

2 A. I graduated from the University of Michigan in

3 1975 with a degree in zoology and anthropology. I

4 graduated from the University of Michigan School

5 of Public Health in 1978 with a degree in

6 environmental science. I graduated from

7 University of Detroit Law School in 1988.

8 Q. Okay. And is there a special area that you

9 practice in?

10 A. I practice environmental law.

11 Q. Okay. Now, for somebody who does not practice

12 environmental law, can you explain what that

13 entails.

14 A. The practice of environmental law can involve many

15 different things depending on the individual

16 practitioner. My work involves many transactional

17 matters, mergers and acquisitions, real estate

18 transactions, and other types of transactions. It

19 also involves defending typically companies or

20 individuals who are the subject of state or

21 federal environmental enforcement actions. I

22 represent developers seeking to obtain

23 environmental permits for developments. I handle

24 water and sewer rate matters for the Detroit Water

25 and Sewer Department.



1 A. Do you mean the negotiations of the transactional

2 document or the overall deal?

3 Q. Let's start overall and then we'll go to the

4 document.

5 A. Sometime in 2005 -- I'm not real good with dates

6 -- or 2006 DWS's former director Victor Mercado

7 and Macomb County, whatever his title is, Tony

8 Marrocco, discussed the possibility of Macomb

9 County acquiring the Macomb portion of the

10 Oakland-Macomb Interceptor.

11 Q. How did you become aware of that discussion?

12 A. I think one of the first discussions may have

13 occurred in chambers in Judge Feikens' chambers,

14 so I may have been present.

15 Q. So I can assume by that answer that you were

16 involved in the Feikens litigation -- what we'll

17 call the Feikens litigation?

18 A. I was.

19 Q. Okay. And what was your involvement in the

20 Feikens litigation?

21 A. Do you want the history back to the beginning?

22 Q. As briefly as you can state it so that we

23 understand, that would be enough for me.

24 A. When I first got involved in 1989, the State of

25 Michigan had issued a national pollutant discharge



1 Q. If nothing else, my curiosity, when you say you

2 handle rate matters, is that disputes over rates

3 or the setting of rates, or both?

4 A. Both.

5 Q. During your practice -- have you been with Dykema

6 Gossett during your entire law practice?

7 A. Yes, I have.

8 Q. When did you first become involved with

9 representing the City of Detroit in any capacity?

10 A. To the best of my recollection, around 1989.

11 Q. And was it always the Detroit Water and Sewer

12 Department or were there other departments?

13 A. It was always the Detroit Water and Sewer

14 Department.

15 Q. Sir, I don't think it's any surprise that the --

16 we're here largely about the acquisition from the

17 Detroit Water and Sewer Department by the Macomb

18 Interceptor Drain Drainage District of the Macomb

19 portion of the Detroit sewerage system in Macomb

20 County, which I think has been described here

21 previously as north of 8 Mile. I'm sure it goes

22 in other directions also. All right?

23 Sir, when, to your knowledge, did

24 negotiations first begin for Macomb to purchase

25 the system?



1 elimination system to the Detroit Water and Sewer

2 Department's wastewater treatment plant. That

3 contained a number of new and onerous requirements

4 that would have involved in excess of 4 or

5 \$5 billion to comply with. We filed an

6 administrative appeal of the permit, and we also

7 filed a petition with Judge Feikens to take

8 jurisdiction over the permit. And so we spent the

9 next roughly five years fighting over that permit.

10 And then over the years, there have

11 been just multiple different assignments involving

12 everything from construction litigation to

13 disputes -- I did not -- not as a litigator --

14 rate disputes that came up almost annually with

15 wholesale customers, efforts by the Detroit Water

16 and Sewer Department to do things required by the

17 NPDS permit that were interfered with by third

18 parties that we had to deal with, notably the Army

19 Corps of Engineers, and many, many other different

20 capacities. The assignments have been more

21 numerous than I could even begin to recall.

22 Q. All right. So at some point in time, now that we

23 know what your involvement has been -- and it's

24 been broad ranged; would that be fair to say? --

25 you became aware that Macomb and Detroit were



1 willing to talk about a purchase of the Macomb
2 portion of the system; is that correct?
3 A. I'm not sure I understand the question.
4 Q. Okay. At some point -- I think you said it was
5 about 2005 or '06 you became aware Mr. Mercado
6 and Mr. Marrocco were talking about a Macomb
7 purchase of the system, correct?
8 A. That is correct.
9 Q. Okay. Was there a time or a date in which you
10 were officially brought into or involved in those
11 discussions?
12 A. I suppose I got involved in the Macomb discussions
13 sometime after Oakland County acquired the
14 Clinton-Oakland portion -- the Clinton-Oakland and
15 the Edison Corridor portion of the Oakland-Macomb
16 Interceptor District. Actually it was the
17 Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District
18 that acquired the Oakland portion.
19 Q. Okay.
20 A. After that transaction closed, we shortly
21 thereafter commenced discussions on the Macomb
22 piece.
23 Q. Okay. When you said you commenced discussions,
24 who did you commence discussions with?
25 A. It was largely the same team of people that were



1 or can you recall what kinds of information they
2 requested and you provided?
3 A. The business terms of the transaction that were
4 agreed to between Tony Marrocco and Victor Mercado
5 was that the purchase price would be equal to the
6 outstanding principal balance on the bonds
7 allocated to the assets that comprise the Macomb
8 system. And it was that financial information
9 that Macomb County asked DWSD to provide.
10 Q. Okay. And did DWSD provide that information to
11 them?
12 A. They did.
13 Q. Okay. What time frame are we talking here?
14 A. I don't recall exactly when the Oakland-Macomb --
15 the Oakland system closed, but it was from within
16 months of that closing through the closing of the
17 Macomb transaction, which I think was
18 September 2010.
19 Q. We have an acquisition agreement signed
20 September 2, 2010. Is that --
21 A. That sounds correct.
22 Q. That sounds correct to you?
23 MR. ADDIS: Are we just continuing to
24 number the --
25 MR. WATSON: Yeah, I assume we will



1 involved in the negotiation of the Oakland portion
2 of the Oakland-Macomb Interceptor with the
3 exception of the Oakland specific representatives.
4 Q. Okay. By that I mean what people were you
5 talking to from Macomb?
6 A. Principal representatives of Macomb County on
7 those discussions were Craig Hupp, their outside
8 attorney at Bodman, and Bill Misterovich, chief
9 deputy something something from the county who's
10 also a lawyer, and perhaps one or more of their
11 technical/engineering people. I don't recall
12 exactly who all was involved.
13 Q. Now we're to the part of the formal discussions.
14 How did the formal negotiations begin from your
15 side of the table? By that I mean, so I can make
16 my question clear, did you put together a list of
17 information that you wanted or a due diligence
18 list of some sort?
19 A. The discussions were led by Macomb County. As the
20 purchaser, they were the ones asking for
21 information. We weren't offering up information.
22 Q. Okay. So you would respond to their requests
23 when you thought it was appropriate?
24 A. Correct.
25 Q. Okay. Do you know, sir, what type of information



1 for --
2 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION:
3 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 11
4 3:43 p.m.
5 BY MR. ADDIS:
6 Q. Sir, I've handed you what's entitled an
7 Interceptor Transfer Due Diligence Information
8 List, which says "Revision 1/23/09" on it. Do
9 you recognize this document?
10 A. No, I don't.
11 Q. Okay. You don't believe you've seen this
12 document before?
13 A. Not that I recall.
14 Q. Okay. So this is not a document that you
15 prepared?
16 A. No, it is not. Looking at the footer on the
17 document, it appears to have been generated by Mr.
18 Hupp.
19 Q. Okay. Sir, I want to be clear. Did Mr. Hupp
20 ever sit down and discuss this document with you,
21 perhaps without giving it to you? Had you seen
22 it before in his possession?
23 A. The topics covered by this due diligence
24 information list were discussed at length between
25 the parties. It appears to be a document that



1 perhaps was provided to Detroit directly.
2 Certainly I would have none of this information.
3 Q. Sir, as I understand it, you believe you
4 discussed, at least with this brief review of it,
5 many of the matters contained in this list -- in
6 this exhibit, correct?
7 A. That's correct.
8 Q. With Mr. Hupp?
9 A. With Mr. Hupp and others.
10 Q. And Mr. Misterovich?
11 A. Yes.
12 Q. And representatives of DWSD, were they --
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. Discuss those matters with you?
15 A. Yes.
16 Q. When you were negotiating, for lack of a better
17 term, and communicating or doing both with
18 Mr. Misterovich and/or Mr. Hupp, who was acting
19 with you? Were there members of DWSD, either
20 Mr. Mercado or others that were involved with you
21 in those negotiations?
22 A. I don't recall exactly who participated in the
23 meetings on a day-to-day basis, but Bob Walter and
24 myself were there as the lawyers, and there may
25 have been various administrative representatives



1 these years providing them counsel, were you
2 aware of other issues other than just this
3 purchase -- other issues that existed between
4 Macomb and Detroit; is that correct?
5 A. What do you mean by other issues?
6 Q. Well, did they often have issues over rates?
7 A. Yes, they did.
8 Q. Okay. Over interest rates?
9 A. Interest rates, yes.
10 Q. Over 800 mega hertz radio system?
11 A. Yes, they did.
12 Q. Okay. Didn't they have -- in other words, were
13 you aware that they had a number of disputes?
14 A. I am aware of that, yes.
15 Q. All right. And these disputes were, of course,
16 subjects for Judge Feikens from time to time,
17 correct?
18 A. They were often before Judge Feikens.
19 Q. In your representation of DWSD at any time, did
20 you ever give them any advice regarding any
21 criminal matters?
22 A. No, I did not.
23 Q. Did you have somebody in your firm advise DWSD on
24 any criminal matters?
25 A. No, we did not.



1 from time to time. I don't recall who was in the
2 director's seat at that time. It may have been
3 Pam Turner. I don't recall. But I don't believe
4 that Victor was in office at that point.
5 Q. Let me just interrupt, if I may, because I want
6 to keep a timeline. When the discussions first
7 start, it was Victor Mercado and Marrocco in
8 informal discussions, correct?
9 A. Correct.
10 Q. And then they made some informal agreement as to
11 how they were going to set the price attached to
12 the debt, correct?
13 A. Correct.
14 Q. So far I've got it right, okay. And then at some
15 point in time when official discussions started,
16 which included you and Mr. Misterovich and Mr.
17 Hupp and Mr. Walter -- and Mr. Mercado was not
18 ever involved in those?
19 A. I believe so, no.
20 Q. Okay.
21 A. I also omitted Bart Foster, who was DWSD's
22 financial advisor and rate consultant who was the
23 primary spokesperson for DWSD on the numbers.
24 Q. Okay. Before we go to just the acquisition
25 agreement, in your position of helping DWSD over



1 Q. Up until even today, from when you first started
2 representing them to today, have you or your firm
3 ever handled any criminal matters for DWSD?
4 A. No, we have not.
5 MR. WATSON: I'll object to foundation.
6 You can answer if you can.
7 THE WITNESS: The answer is no.
8 BY MR. ADDIS:
9 Q. I'm assuming you do not practice criminal law?
10 A. I do not.
11 Q. Okay. Now, you mentioned to me earlier that you
12 guys would meet and many times not everybody
13 would be at every meeting, so sometimes it would
14 be Misterovich by himself, sometimes Misterovich
15 with others, with Hupp. I'm assuming there would
16 be times where it would be just you and Mr. Hupp?
17 A. There were different people at different times. I
18 don't believe that Misterovich would have appeared
19 without Craig Hupp being present.
20 Q. Okay. Give me a time frame. How often did these
21 negotiations take place, these meetings, no
22 matter who was there?
23 A. I can't really recall. It was intermittent in the
24 early stages. As we got closer and closer to the
25 closing date, it was at least weekly.



1 Q. Okay. And the early stages began, again? It's
2 been a long day.
3 A. Sometime after the closing of the Oakland portion
4 of the overall interceptor system.
5 MR. ADDIS: Does anybody know when that
6 was? Give me an approximate date.
7 MS. BADALAMENTI: Not long before ours,
8 maybe '09.
9 BY MR. ADDIS:
10 Q. About '09, she says. Would that make sense to
11 you? I won't hold you to it.
12 A. It's certainly a ballpark number that I would work
13 with.
14 Q. We can look it up, when did they close. And then
15 after that Mr. Marrocco and his crowd began to
16 pursuing buying their section of it?
17 A. That's correct.
18 Q. And it finally culminated in September 2010 with
19 an agreement, correct?
20 A. That's correct.
21 Q. Okay. Now, I don't know what we did with your
22 exhibits, but -- right here. We've had these
23 previously marked. Exhibit 5 is the acquisition
24 agreement. Can you describe to me, sir, the
25 process by which this agreement was hammered out.



1 for Oakland specifically.
2 Q. I understand. Okay. Anybody else in that
3 process?
4 A. Oakland may have had its other attorneys involved.
5 Oh, Joe Colaianne from the Water Resource
6 Commissioner's Office was a lawyer. John
7 McCulloch was involved. Those were the principal
8 players for Oakland County.
9 Q. Okay. By the time we got down to the signing
10 date of this acquisition agreement, did you ever
11 compare this acquisition agreement side by side
12 to the Oakland agreement?
13 A. Not that I recall.
14 Q. Okay. Do you know whether Mr. Hupp had done
15 that?
16 A. I would have no idea.
17 Q. Okay. Or Mr. Misterovich?
18 A. I wouldn't know.
19 Q. Okay. So it's fair to say that the Oakland
20 agreement as a model was used for this agreement?
21 A. To the best of my recollection, the only things
22 that were changed were the things that were
23 specific to Macomb County that were not specific
24 to Oakland County.
25 Q. Okay. Negotiations started in, we believe, '09,



1 By that I mean did somebody --
2 MR. ADDIS: Exhibit 6. I apologize.
3 BY MR. ADDIS:
4 Q. Negotiations take place. We've established that.
5 And then eventually an acquisition agreement is
6 put together and laid on paper. What I'm
7 interested in is the process of how this
8 acquisition agreement was written and approved.
9 By that -- let me ask the first question. Did
10 someone submit a first draft?
11 A. The first draft was the Oakland transactional
12 document, because with limited exceptions, other
13 than the purchase price, the Macomb acquisition
14 agreement mirrors the Oakland acquisition
15 agreement.
16 Q. And do we know who put together the Oakland
17 acquisition agreement?
18 A. It was the same group of parties.
19 Q. Okay. That would include you?
20 A. Me.
21 Q. Was Mr. Hupp involved in that?
22 A. Yes, he was.
23 Q. Okay. And Mr. Hupp represented who? Oakland?
24 A. The Oakland Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage
25 District, I believe. I don't believe he was there



1 consummated with this agreement in September of
2 '10. During that period of time, sir, were you
3 ever made aware of DWSD employees being
4 investigated by either federal or state
5 authorities?
6 A. I don't recall whether I had heard anything about
7 that during this period of time.
8 Q. Okay. Did any of the DWSD employees -- I always
9 forget Pam's last name.
10 A. Pam Turner.
11 Q. Did Pam Turner ever report to you that she had
12 been told by some of her employees that they had
13 been questioned by the U.S. Attorney's Office?
14 A. No, she did not.
15 Q. Had you ever been told by Mr. Walters that he was
16 made aware that some of the DWSD officials and
17 employees had been questioned by the U.S.
18 Attorney's Office?
19 A. I don't believe he ever discussed it with me.
20 Q. Okay. I'm going to jump ahead, and we may come
21 back to some other things. There comes a time
22 that everybody meets in a room and signs this
23 document. Sir, can you tell me who was in that
24 room on September 2nd, 2010.
25 A. Craig Hupp and myself, the persons who signed the



1 document. There were several Bodman lawyers who
2 prepared many of the business-related documents,
3 assistants of various types from Bodman who were
4 helping assemble exhibits, myself, Bob Walter.
5 Q. Okay.
6 A. And possibly others.
7 Q. All right. At some point in time we know that
8 Victor Mercado left and then we know that Pam --
9 I forgot her name again.
10 A. Pam Turner.
11 Q. Pam Turner left, and Darryl Latimer, the deputy
12 director, if you agree with this, was pretty much
13 left in charge. Would that be an accurate
14 statement?
15 A. You know, I don't recall who was in the driver's
16 seat after Pam stepped down, but he would probably
17 have been the most senior man standing.
18 Q. Okay. Same term he used. Had you worked with
19 Mr. Latimer before?
20 A. Yes.
21 Q. Okay. Had you worked with him extensively or
22 just a few matters? How would you describe it?
23 A. Intermittently on miscellaneous minor items over
24 the years.
25 Q. Okay. There came a time when Mr. Latimer was in



1 understand your position. But I think the
2 backdrop of that question was they were all in the
3 room to sign these documents, okay, and so I'm not
4 sure privilege would attach when everybody was in
5 the room.
6 MR. WATSON: To the extent you're
7 asking questions of what he told Latimer in
8 general discussions with everyone at the table, I
9 think you're right. One-on-one discussions with
10 Latimer or with Latimer and other Detroit
11 officials, I plan to assert the privilege.
12 MR. ADDIS: Okay. I understand,
13 Jerome. Thanks.
14 BY MR. ADDIS:
15 Q. Sir, you understand that your counsel has
16 asserted the privilege for any private
17 conversations that you had with your clients?
18 A. I do.
19 Q. Okay. And so we're going to honor that. I may
20 not agree, but we're going to a honor it and move
21 forward with those ground rules. If I come close
22 to stepping on them, you can feel free to stop
23 me. I'm sure Jerome will beat you to it, but in
24 case he doesn't.
25 However, let's go back to where we're



1 that room with you to sign that document. Before
2 he signed that document, did you sit down with
3 him and go over that document paragraph by
4 paragraph?
5 A. I did not.
6 Q. Okay. Did you give him a general explanation of
7 what this document was about?
8 A. Yes.
9 Q. Okay.
10 A. At least I let him know what the business -- what
11 the purchase price was.
12 Q. Okay.
13 MR. WATSON: Can I -- hold on. Let me
14 talk to my counsel here for a second.
15 MR. ADDIS: Okay.
16 (Off the record at 3:57 p.m.)
17 (Back on the record at 4:00 p.m.)
18 MR. WATSON: Brief statement: We
19 didn't assert any privilege the last couple of
20 questions. I think we got right to the edge,
21 maybe even a little bit over, but that's as far as
22 I'm going to let him go in regard to the
23 discussions he had with Mr. Latimer where Macomb
24 County wasn't present.
25 MR. ADDIS: Well, I think -- and I



1 all in the room, okay? While everybody is in that
2 room, did Mr. Latimer express any questions or
3 comments regarding the contents of the agreement?
4 A. I don't recall any conversation specifically with
5 or from Darryl Latimer.
6 Q. Okay. Generally?
7 A. I don't recall anything.
8 Q. Okay. Did you witness or did you see Mr. Latimer
9 reading the document?
10 A. I don't remember.
11 Q. Do you know whether your co-counsel at the time,
12 Mr. Walters, or brother counsel, Mr. Walters,
13 spent any time with Mr. Latimer away from that
14 meeting room?
15 A. I wouldn't know.
16 Q. But on the day the signing took place -- let's
17 talk about that day. Where did the signing take
18 place?
19 A. In a conference room at Bodman's offices at Ford
20 Field.
21 Q. Okay. And about what -- do you remember what
22 time of day?
23 A. Sometime during that September 2nd, whatever. I
24 don't remember what time of day it was.
25 Q. Okay. How long did the process take?



1 A. I don't really recall. I could guess three or
2 four hours.
3 Q. Okay. During that three or four hours what was
4 discussed at the table?
5 A. We were trying to just assemble all the documents
6 that went into this package.
7 Q. Which means not only the agreement which had
8 pretty much been -- I'm assuming the agreement
9 had already been provided, correct -- an
10 agreement without attachments?
11 A. On the day of closing no negotiations were taking
12 place.
13 Q. So an agreement was there, but there were a
14 number of exhibits and attachments that had to be
15 added to it, correct?
16 A. That's correct.
17 Q. All right. And so you and Mr. Walters and Mr.
18 Hupp and Mr. Misterovich and whoever else was
19 there. You mentioned another couple gentlemen.
20 You were assembling and may I assume agreeing on
21 which documents should be properly attached?
22 A. We were just making sure they were already there.
23 It was already understood what was going to be
24 attached.
25 Q. It had all been agreed up, but putting it



1 MR. FRANZINGER: You should only answer
2 that question with respect to non-clients.
3 MR. ADDIS: I agree. I understand.
4 THE WITNESS: Could you rephrase that
5 question.
6 BY MR. ADDIS:
7 Q. Yeah, I wish I could. Let me try it again.
8 That's fair enough. We're all sitting around
9 and, was there ever any discussion between the
10 lawyers, not with clients, between the lawyers as
11 to whether or not Mr. Latimer had the requisite
12 authority to sign this contract and make it
13 binding?
14 MR. FRANZINGER: Between the lawyers
15 for the respective parties --
16 MR. ADDIS: Yes.
17 MR. FRANZINGER: -- as opposed to, for
18 example, Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Walter?
19 MR. ADDIS: Between the respective
20 parties.
21 THE WITNESS: I don't recall any such
22 discussion. Quite frankly, he showed up; I
23 assumed he had the authority to sign it.
24 BY MR. ADDIS:
25 Q. Okay. Do you know who told him to show up and



1 together was a matter that took some time?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. Okay. And I take it, then, that the agreement
4 was not signed until all of the exhibits were
5 attached or was it signed first by Mr. Latimer,
6 who then left, and the rest of the work was done,
7 if you recall?
8 A. I don't recall.
9 Q. Do you recall if Mr. Latimer ever was shown the
10 exhibits or attachments?
11 A. I don't remember. I know the only things he saw
12 were the things that he had to sign. Otherwise,
13 it wouldn't have been presented to him.
14 Q. Was there ever any discussion -- prior to the
15 execution of this agreement, was there ever any
16 discussion as to whether or not Mr. Latimer had
17 the authority to sign it?
18 A. I don't recall any discussions on that subject.
19 Q. Okay. Do you know whether your office or Mr.
20 Hupp's office or Mr. Misterovich's office or any
21 of the lawyers' offices had contact with either
22 the mayor's office or, if Judge Feikens was still
23 in charge, either Judge Feikens or Judge Cox's
24 office as to whether or not that gentleman had
25 the authority to sign that agreement?



1 sign it?
2 A. I have no idea.
3 Q. Okay. Did you tell him he had the authority to
4 sign it?
5 A. I wouldn't have the knowledge to tell him that.
6 Q. Okay. Do you know whether Mr. Hupp issued an
7 opinion to him as to whether he had the authority
8 to sign?
9 A. I doubt it.
10 Q. Okay. You don't recall him saying --
11 A. I don't recall.
12 Q. Okay. I want to take you to certain paragraphs,
13 and you may or may not have knowledge of this, so
14 we'll find out. On the acquisition agreement,
15 page 2 of 25, paragraph 1.10, do you know who
16 authored this paragraph?
17 A. I don't know who authored it. I know that Macomb
18 County wanted knowledge to be based on knowledge
19 of people who would presumably have some actual
20 knowledge about the physical condition of the
21 assets that were being conveyed.
22 Q. Okay.
23 A. And so these were the people that DWSD designated
24 as having such knowledge.
25 Q. Okay. DWSD said that these people here, meaning



1 -- and I'll quote. One is the director, correct?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. Okay. At that time, however, DWSD didn't have a
4 director, did it?
5 A. I'm not sure.
6 MR. WATSON: I'm going to object to the
7 form of the question. We're not really sure when
8 this language was drafted.
9 MR. ADDIS: Well, I'm not sure that was
10 the testimony. Let me ask it. If I'm lacking
11 foundation, I'll try to build one.
12 BY MR. ADDIS:
13 Q. Do you know when this language was drafted and
14 when did all the parties assent to it prior to
15 signature?
16 A. I do not. This could have been a carryover from
17 the prior transaction. It most likely was.
18 Q. Okay. Do you know who supplied the -- I notice
19 that in this paragraph regarding Detroit's
20 knowledge it lists director, assistant
21 corporation counsel assigned to DWSD matters, and
22 assistant chief of engineering or engineering
23 support manager, Craig Stanley. I know that
24 Mr. Stanley is the only guy directly named in
25 this thing. Do you know the genesis of that?



1 questions the validity of this agreement."
2 Sir, at the time -- either prior to or
3 at the actual time of signing this, did anybody in
4 the room ask Mr. Latimer if he had any such
5 knowledge?
6 A. I don't believe anybody asked them that.
7 Q. As of the date of this signing, were you aware --
8 strike that.
9 Was Mr. Latimer the only DWSD employee
10 at that meeting?
11 A. At which meeting?
12 Q. At the signing itself.
13 A. I don't recall.
14 Q. Can you tell me which -- can you tell me whether
15 anybody within the City of Detroit other than
16 their counsel did a full review of this
17 acquisition agreement before signing?
18 A. I'm not sure who reviewed it.
19 Q. Did anybody ever communicate to you that they
20 reviewed it?
21 MR. FRANZINGER: Objection. You
22 shouldn't disclose any discussions you had with
23 your client.
24 THE WITNESS: I don't recall. My --
25 for what it's worth, I believe that this



1 A. I do not recall.
2 Q. Okay. So it would be fair to say you don't know
3 if Macomb requested that it be Craig Stanley or
4 DWSD offered him up?
5 A. Correct.
6 Q. Do you know who Craig Stanley is?
7 A. I do not.
8 Q. Had you ever worked with him before?
9 A. Never met the man.
10 Q. Do you know whether anybody ever talked to
11 Mr. Stanley about whether he wanted the
12 responsibility of being the keeper of Detroit's
13 knowledge?
14 A. I do not.
15 Q. I want to take you to page 11 of 25, paragraph
16 3.7, entitled Litigation. And I'm going to just
17 read it for the record. "Except as set forth in
18 Schedule 3.7 hereto, there is no action, suit or
19 proceeding pending or, to Detroit's knowledge,
20 threatened against or affecting Detroit before
21 any governmental entity in which there is a
22 reasonable possibility of an adverse decision
23 which could have a material adverse effect upon
24 the ability of Detroit to perform its obligations
25 under this agreement or which in any manner



1 acquisition had to be approved by the Detroit
2 Water Board, so there presumably was some review
3 at that level, but I want -- I didn't appear
4 before them. I don't know how they -- how or
5 where or when they addressed this.
6 BY MR. ADDIS:
7 Q. Okay. I want to take you to paragraph 5.3, sir,
8 Litigation and Claims. And this is on 14 of 25.
9 I'm sorry. I should have told you that first.
10 And, again, reading for the record, "Detroit
11 shall promptly inform the Macomb County and MID
12 in writing of any claims of which Detroit is or
13 becomes aware that are or might reasonably be
14 expected to become the subject of litigation
15 affecting the Macomb system or the transactions
16 contemplated by this agreement."
17 Now, sir, using that as a foundation,
18 did there come a time, sir, when you became aware
19 that DWSD employees were being questioned by the
20 FBI, a grand jury, or the U.S. Attorney's Office
21 regarding the practices of DWSD?
22 MR. FRANZINGER: Again, you should not
23 disclose any conversations that you had with the
24 client or that are based upon knowledge that you
25 had based on discussions you had with your client.



1 MR. WATSON: And I'll object to the
2 foundation of the question, too.
3 THE WITNESS: In any event, I don't
4 recall any specific conversations with anybody
5 about those activities. I heard rumors just like
6 everybody else. I don't know where I heard them,
7 how I heard them, but I just heard scuttlebutt.
8 There was no one-on-one conversations with anybody
9 about that subject.
10 BY MR. ADDIS:
11 Q. Okay. When you heard these rumors or
12 scuttlebutt, okay, as you call it -- and I
13 understand how that goes through any office --
14 did you consider whether or not a written
15 notification of at least these rumors should have
16 been sent to Macomb County under paragraph 5.3?
17 A. The knowledge I had about the scope of that
18 investigation was so vague and general there was
19 no way it could have alerted me to that -- any
20 connection between that investigation and this
21 transaction.
22 Q. So the answer is you did not?
23 A. I suppose that's the answer. I can't remember the
24 question exactly.
25 Q. 1.13 on page 2 of 25, Global Settlement



1 correct?
2 A. One of the issues addressed in the Global
3 Settlement Agreement was carried forward as a
4 credit on the purchase price.
5 Q. Okay. And which one do you believe that was?
6 A. That was the roughly \$17 million interest rate
7 dispute resolution.
8 Q. So the \$17 million that I've seen on that
9 sheet --
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. -- and now that you've seen is for that interest
12 rate dispute resolution, correct?
13 A. Correct.
14 Q. Thank you.
15 (Mr. Ruegger not present at 4:18
16 p.m.)
17 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION:
18 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 12
19 4:18 p.m.
20 BY MR. ADDIS:
21 Q. Sir, I'm showing you what has been now marked as
22 Exhibit 12, and I believe that that is from that
23 agreement that we talked about, the Global
24 Settlement Agreement. What I mean is what is in
25 there under the term "global settlement," about



1 Agreement, were you familiar, sir, with the
2 Global Settlement Agreement?
3 A. Yes, I was.
4 Q. Were you familiar with what subjects that Global
5 Settlement Agreement applied to?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. What were those subjects that it applied to?
8 A. Well, at the time I was very familiar with it,
9 even though it had been a few years, but today
10 sitting here today, I could only try to remember.
11 Interest rates, 800 megahertz radio, and a
12 gentleman's agreement, the Letter of Intent to
13 consummate these transactions.
14 Q. And was that Global Settlement Agreement, sir,
15 something that was reached in conjunction with
16 the Feikens case?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. Were you part of those negotiations in front of
19 Judge Feikens -- or might not have been in front
20 of him, but under the control of Judge Feikens
21 that led to that Global Settlement Agreement?
22 A. Yes.
23 Q. And as a result of that Global Settlement
24 Agreement, certain actions were applied to the
25 pricing of this acquisition agreement; is that



1 three-quarters of the way down, says, as you can
2 see, \$17,050,000, correct?
3 A. I see that, yes.
4 Q. Yes. And that is a recording, so to speak -- a
5 written recording of what you just testified to
6 as the settlement money for the interest rate
7 dispute, correct?
8 A. That's correct.
9 Q. And that's what that reflects?
10 A. That's correct.
11 Q. Thank you. When did you first become aware of an
12 investigation into Mr. Kilpatrick, Ferguson
13 and/or Mercado?
14 A. You know, I really don't remember when I first
15 heard about it. Like I said, it was just stuff I
16 heard on the street. When it happened, I really
17 couldn't tell you.
18 Q. Were you ever contacted by either the Department
19 of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office, the FBI or
20 anybody regarding any knowledge you might have of
21 the operations of DWSD?
22 A. No.
23 Q. And to this day you have not been?
24 A. I have not been.
25 Q. Did any of the employees of the city -- of DWSD



1 ever supply you with copies of their subpoenas to
2 appear before grand juries?
3 A. They did not. As I said, I never spoke to anybody
4 about it.
5 Q. Okay. So basically what you're telling me is you
6 have had absolutely no contact with DWSD
7 employees regarding the investigation of DWSD and
8 the subsequent prosecution of Kilpatrick, et al.?
9 A. Well, that's two different questions.
10 Q. Okay.
11 A. I never talked to anybody at DWSD about the
12 investigation. Once the trial started, yeah,
13 everybody was talking about it.
14 Q. I agree with that. My point was this: Were you
15 ever asked, approached or offer anybody any
16 advice or counsel regarding those issues raised
17 in U.S. vs. Kilpatrick regarding contracts of
18 DWSD?
19 A. Absolutely not.
20 Q. Okay. That takes care of a large number.
21 Going back to the \$17 million
22 settlement, were you involved in those
23 negotiations?
24 A. I was involved in the negotiation of the 800
25 global settlement -- what was called the Global



1 Q. Okay. And I'll accept that as your answer, sir,
2 but do you remember any specific discussion about
3 2.4? Was there any warranty or guarantee or
4 right that Detroit specifically refused to give
5 up?
6 A. I'm not aware there was anything we refused to
7 give up.
8 Q. Okay. Thank you. I'm taking my time moving
9 through this so we can limit our time at this
10 table.
11 There has been, sir, I believe -- are
12 you aware, sir, that there has been litigation
13 commenced by MIDD against Inland?
14 A. I've heard that there was some claims against the
15 contractors. I didn't know who in particular the
16 claims were against.
17 Q. In the course of your representation of the City
18 of Detroit, did you have cause to interact with
19 Inland?
20 A. I only had one interaction with Inland in my
21 professional career working for DWSD. I went out
22 to the site of the sewer collapse and there were
23 some Inland guys there, who I may have met. That
24 was the one and only time I ever had contact with
25 anyone from Inland.



1 Settlement Agreement. The \$17 million, as with
2 all the numbers, are numbers that were generated
3 by financial people. It was what it was.
4 Q. All right. I want to take you to paragraph --
5 page 6 of 25, paragraph 2.4, under Article II,
6 the Purchase and Sale. Were you, sir, involved
7 in the negotiation of that particular paragraph,
8 which talks about assignment of warranty and
9 guarantee rights?
10 A. I was around when this topic was discussed.
11 Q. Okay. Was it -- did your firm author the first
12 draft of paragraph 2.4 or was it Mr. Bodman or
13 Mr. Misterovich?
14 MR. WATSON: Object to the form of the
15 question. You can answer, if you can.
16 MR. ADDIS: If he know.
17 THE WITNESS: Just to make this easy,
18 all the provisions of this agreement, like this
19 one, were things addressed -- subjects that Macomb
20 County wanted, so they originated with Macomb
21 County. They said they wanted all these things.
22 They proposed language. There may have been some
23 negotiation, but all of these sorts of provisions
24 originated with Macomb.
25 BY MR. ADDIS:



1 Q. What caused you to go to the DWSD -- to the site
2 of the sewer collapse?
3 A. I don't remember what took us out there. I think
4 it was just to see it.
5 Q. Okay. That was long before this negotiation
6 process of this agreement, correct?
7 A. When was the collapse? '04? '03?
8 Q. '04.
9 A. I think I just wanted to see it.
10 Q. Okay.
11 A. It was quite a sight.
12 Q. Those of us who lived near it tried to avoid it.
13 A. Then you know it was quite a sight.
14 Q. It was quite a sight.
15 MR. ADDIS: If you give me five minutes
16 here, please.
17 (Off the record at 4:29 p.m.)
18 (Back on the record at 4:42 p.m.)
19 BY MR. ADDIS:
20 Q. When I tell you that I have just one question for
21 you, I mean it. All right. I started to tell
22 you about some ongoing litigation outside of this
23 particular litigation. Have you been asked by
24 any party to provide information regarding or
25 testimony -- information or testimony regarding



1 MIDD vs. Inland pending in U.S. federal court?
2 A. I have not.
3 MR. ADDIS: I'm all done.
4 MR. WATSON: No questions.
5 (The deposition was concluded at 4:43 p.m.
6 Signature of the witness was not requested by
7 counsel for the respective parties hereto.)
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4 COUNTY OF MACOMB)
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